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Economic assistance to Vanuatu

The General Assembly,

Recalling its omnibus resolution 45/230 of 21 December 1990 on economic assistance to Vanuatu and other specified countries, in which it requested the Secretary-General to mobilize the necessary resources to provide assistance to Vanuatu and those countries,

Recalling also its resolution 45/202 of 21 December 1990, relating to specific measures in favour of island developing countries,

Taking into account that Vanuatu, an island developing country which is also included in the list of least developed countries, continues to experience, as a consequence of regular natural disasters, significant economic and social disadvantages of the type referred to in resolution 45/202,

Taking note of Agenda 21, 1/ which was adopted by the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in June 1992, in particular chapter 17, section G, relating to the sustainable development of small island developing States,

1. Calls the attention of the international community to the report of the Secretary-General on the specific problems and needs of island developing countries, and specifically to those confronting Vanuatu; 2/

2. Expresses its appreciation to the Secretary-General for the steps he has taken to mobilize assistance for Vanuatu and to those States and organizations that have provided assistance to it;

3. Further expresses its appreciation to the United Nations Development Programme, the other specialized agencies of the United Nations, and to the donor community for their participation in the first round-table meeting to assist Vanuatu, and notes the proposed convening of a second such meeting in 1993;

4. Appeals to member States, international financial institutions, the specialized agencies and organizations and programmes of the United Nations system to respond generously to the needs of Vanuatu, particularly in the nine priority areas identified in the report of the Secretary-General;

5. Invites the appropriate parts of the United Nations system, at the next meetings of their various governing bodies, to consider, as appropriate, the special needs of Vanuatu and to report the decisions of those bodies to the Secretary-General;

6. Requests the Secretary-General:

(a) To continue his efforts to mobilize the necessary resources for an effective programme of financial, technical and material assistance to Vanuatu;

(b) To report on the progress made in organizing international assistance for Vanuatu and on developments in the economic situation of that country to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session.

1/ See A/CONF.151/26, vols. I, II and Corr.I and III.

2/ A/47/414 and Add.1.